

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Dames, et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/542,680
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For	:	OPTICAL CONNECTOR WITH TOTAL INTERNAL REFLECTION ABUTTING SURFACE
Examiner	:	Tina Mei Seng Wong
Group Art Unit:		2874

ASSERTION OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL-ENTITY STATUS PURSUANT  
TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
**ATTENTION:** Issue Branch

Dear Sir:

The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Respectfully submitted,

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